

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Complete listing of claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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14. (Original) An aqueous reductive bleach solution comprising hydroxymethane sulfinic acid with at least one bleaching initiator.

15. (Original) The aqueous reductive bleach solution of claim 14 wherein the bleaching initiator is selected from the group consisting of one or more sugars, alum and mixtures thereof.
16. (Original) The aqueous reductive bleach solution of claim 14 wherein the weight ratio of hydroxymethane sulfinic acid to the at least one bleaching initiator is from about 1:20 to about 20:1.
17. (Original) The aqueous reductive bleach solution of claim 14 additionally containing at least one second reductive bleaching agent.
18. (Original) The aqueous reductive bleach solution of claim 17 wherein the second reductive bleaching agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium hydrosulfite, and formamidine sulfinic acid and mixtures thereof wherein the weight ratio of hydroxymethane sulfinic acid to the second reductive bleaching agent is from about 1:20 to about 20:1.